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DISTRIBUTE ONLY TO AMBASSADOR BREWER(AF/E) FROM SUDDARTH

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR BREWER

1. I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF PUTTING IN A WORD OF VERY STRONG SUPPORT FOR GORDON PIERSON, WHO I UNDERSTAND IS A CANDIDATE TO HEAD A RE-ESTABLISHED AID PRESENCE IN SUDAN.

2. I HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH GORDON FOR OVER THREE YEARS HERE IN HIS CAPACITY FIRST AS PROGRAM OFFICER AND LATER ASSISTANT AID DIRECTOR AND HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR HIM. I REALLY THINK HE WOULD BE IDEALLY SUITED TO BE A MISSION DIRECTOR AND TO OPEN A NEW AID OPERATION LIKE THE ONE IN THE SUDAN. HE IS AN EXPERT, SENSIBLE PHD ECONOMIST WITH WIDE POWERS OF CONCEPTUALIZATION WHO SET THE BASIC PARAMETERS OF OUR AID STRATEGY HERE. HE IS WIDELY EXPERIENCED IN AID PROGRAM AND PROJECT DESIGN IN VOLAG, PL-480 AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES. HE ABLY HANDLED THE AID MISSION HERE IN LONG PERIODS AS ACTING AID DIRECTOR.

3. GORDON IS AN EXCELLENT DIPLOMAT AND SOCIALIZER AND HAS MANY USEFUL FRIENDS AND CONTACTS HERE IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENTAL AND DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. HE WAS ELECTED THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND HAS DONE A FINE RESPONSIBLE JOB THERE. WE ALL VALUE HIM AS A DISCRETE, WISE AND RESPONSIVE COLLEAGUE WITH A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR.

4. I DON'T KNOW THE OTHER CANDIDATES BUT I THINK IT

WOULD BE HARD TO BEAT GORDON'S PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL
QUALITIES.

5. I HAVE SHOWN THIS MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR PICKERING
WHO FULLY ENDORSES MY COMMENTS. I MIGHT ADD THAT
GORDON, ALTHOUGH VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE SUDAN JOB,
IS UNAWARE THAT I AM DOING THIS AND WOULD BE EMBARRASSED
IF HE KNEW I WAS IN TOUCH WITH YOU ON HIS BEHALF.
WARMEST REGARDS.
PICKERING

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